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1. The Velvety Armament Factory, occupying underground installations where German V-2 missiles were manufactured during World War II, is located approximately 10 kilometers southeast of the town of Teplice-Sanov (N50-38, E13-50) on the main road to Prague. The factory remained undamaged during the war and was taken over untouched after the German retreat.
2. Part of the factory is fenced in with wire netting approximately three meters high with two to three lines of barbed wire on the top. Within the enclosed area, adjacent to the main road, there are eight to ten dome-shaped concrete structures on grass-covered elevated ground. Each has four large slots approximately 1.5 meters high, probably serving as ventilation outlets. Behind this site are two concrete buildings which look like warehouses, stacks of empty cases having been seen in front of them. From each of these buildings two iron pipe conduits, with a diameter of approximately 50 cm., lead at a height of approximately 3 meters into a tunnel built in the hill. There is an observation tower at the entrance to the tunnel.
3. A military unit is stationed permanently at the factory. Three cottages occupied by officers and their families are located on the left-hand side of the inner road, which is approximately four meters wide and unpaved, branching off from the Teplice-Sanov-Prague main road. Further inside are two three-story buildings which serve as living quarters for the military personnel. The larger of the two buildings has a small observation room built on the roof, where an armed guard equipped with binoculars is on duty. The soldiers stationed in the factory come from various other districts and are almost completely unknown to the inhabitants of Teplice-Sanov and its surroundings.
4. The three officers' cottages are red brick buildings with tile roofs. The military barracks and the other two buildings have flat roofs and are camouflaged with different shades of green paint. The dome-shaped ventilation outlets are not camouflaged.
5. Two other dome-shaped structures are located on the hill a few hundred yards from the main road. They are approximately six to eight meters high and are covered with grass.

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On the side facing the main road they have a large concrete door which can be seen from the road.

6. Numerous signs warning passers-by not to step off the road are posted along the other side of the road opposite the factory installations, as well as at the foot of the hill past the fenced-in area. Armed military guards patrol the area opposite the factory which is partly covered with woods.
7. The factory was put back into partial operation in 1946-47, and was back in full operation by 1949. It now works round the clock seven days a week. The estimated number of workers is around 3,000, with a large proportion of women. The workers come from Teplice-Sanov and the nearby villages. People who are in need of money and wish to work in the factory during their yearly furlough are also accepted for work, provided they successfully pass the cadre examination. The wages range from 1,000 to 3,000 Kcs. per month.
8. Details about the production in the factory are guarded with utmost secrecy by the authorities and the workers alike. The only remark which is risked by the people working there is that the production is the same as under the Germans. However, the same symptoms of the damaging influence of the work on the employees' health that appeared during the German operation of the V-2 plant are clearly evident again. They are characterized by the gradual decrease of the red corpuscles and other serious disturbances. After a period of from one to two years, the workers' hair gradually turns a yellow-red shade, the same as with those formerly employed in the German plant.
9. Additional construction work at the factory has not been observed since the time of the German occupation.

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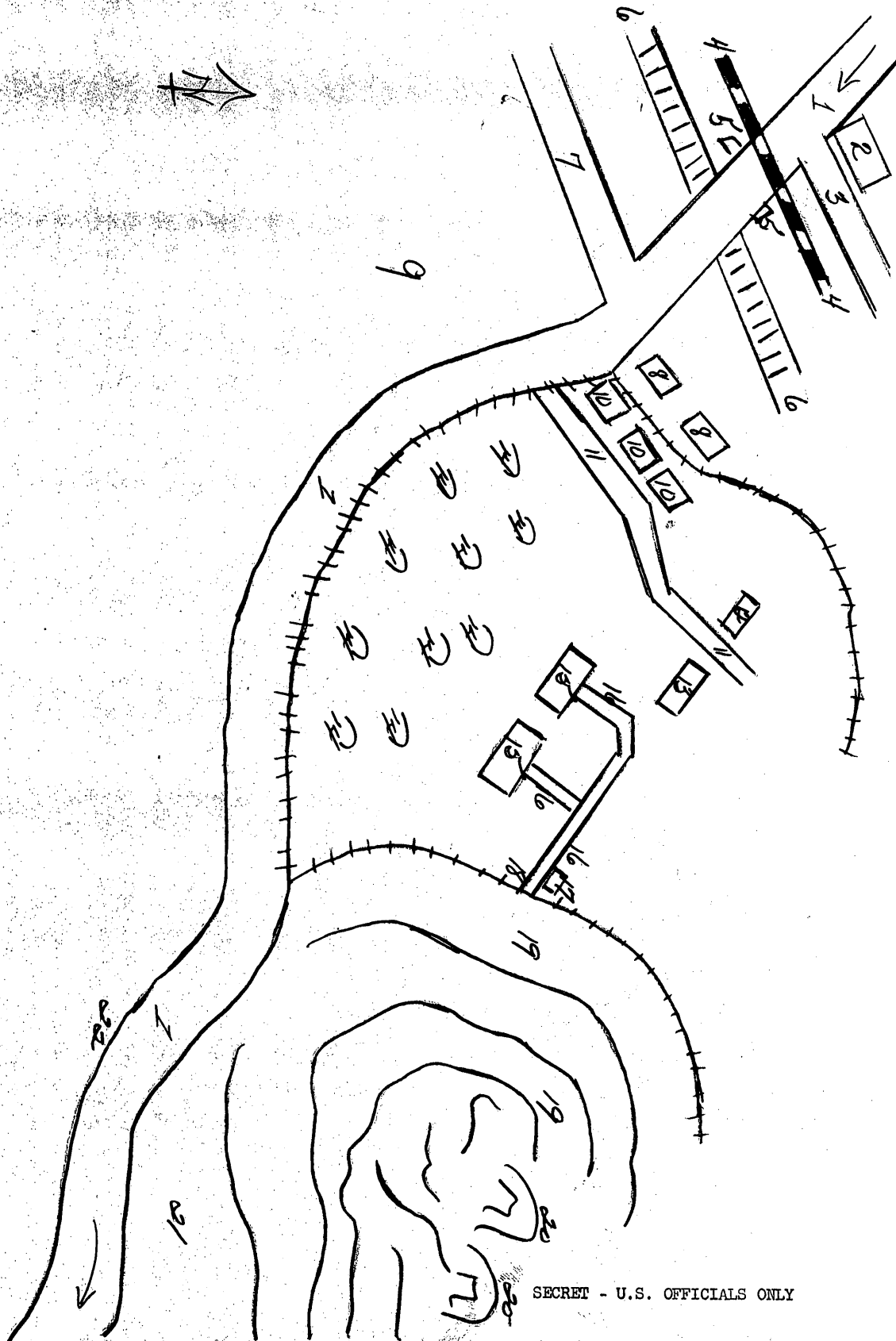
1. Teplice-Sanov-Prague highway
2. Automobile battery plant
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4. Railway track
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6. Narrow stream
7. Side road to Kostomlaty
8. Private cottages
9. Woods
10. Officers' cottages
11. Inner road
12. Military barracks
13. Military barracks
14. Dome-shaped concrete structures
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